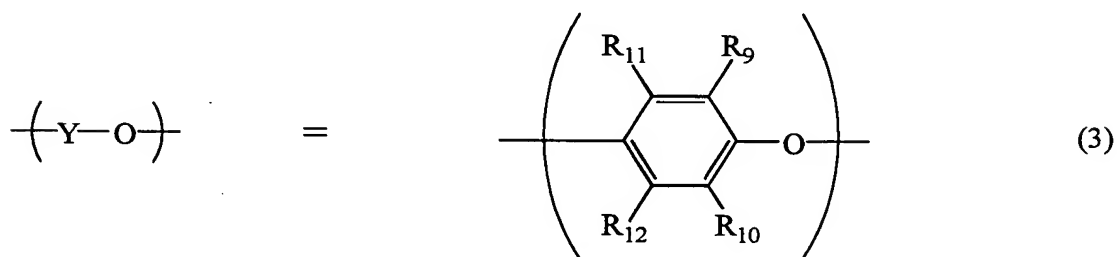
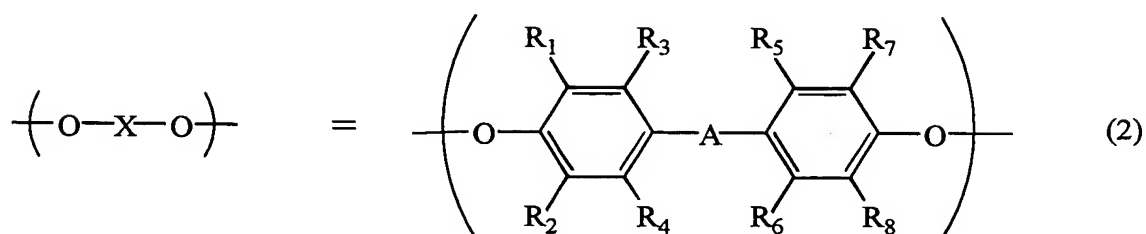
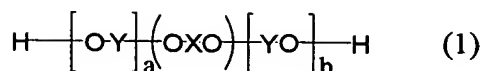


What is claimed is:

1. An epoxy resin curing agent having a number average molecular weight of 500 to 3,000, represented by the formula

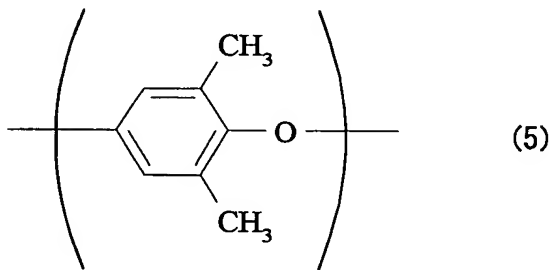
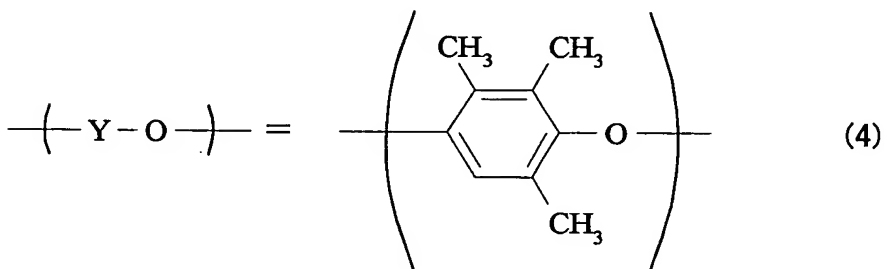
5 (1),



wherein  $-(\text{O}-\text{X}-\text{O})-$  is represented by the formula (2)  
 10 (in which  $\text{R}_1$ ,  $\text{R}_2$ ,  $\text{R}_7$  and  $\text{R}_8$  may be the same or different and are a halogen atom, an alkyl group having 6 or less carbon atoms or a phenyl group,  $\text{R}_3$ ,  $\text{R}_4$ ,  $\text{R}_5$  and  $\text{R}_6$  may be the same or different and are a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, an alkyl group having  
 6 or less carbon atoms or a phenyl group, and A is a direct  
 15 bond or a linear, branched or cyclic hydrocarbon having 20 or less carbon atoms),  $-(\text{Y}-\text{O})-$  is an arrangement of one kind of structure defined by the formula (3) or a random arrangement of at least two kinds of structures defined by the formula (3) (in which  $\text{R}_9$  and  $\text{R}_{10}$  may be the same or different and are a halogen

atom, an alkyl group having 6 or less carbon atoms or a phenyl group and  $R_{11}$  and  $R_{12}$  may be the same or different and are a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, an alkyl group having 6 or less carbon atoms or a phenyl group), and each of a and b is an integer of 0 to 30, provided that at least either a or b is not 0.

2. The epoxy resin curing agent according to claim 1, wherein  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ ,  $R_7$  and  $R_8$  in  $-(O-X-O)-$  of the formula (2) are a methyl group, and  $-(Y-O)-$  has a structure of an arrangement of the formula (4) or the formula (5) or a random arrangement of the formula (4) and the formula (5),



3. The epoxy resin curing agent according to claim 2, wherein  $R_3$ ,  $R_4$ ,  $R_5$  and  $R_6$  in  $-(O-X-O)-$  of the formula (2) are a hydrogen group.

4. The epoxy resin curing agent according to claim 2, wherein, in  $-(O-X-O)-$  of the formula (2),  $R_3$  and  $R_6$  are a hydrogen group and  $R_4$  and  $R_5$  are a methyl group.

5. The epoxy resin curing agent according to claim 2,  
wherein  $-(Y-O)-$  is represented by the formula (5).

5 6. A curable epoxy resin composition containing an epoxy  
resin and the epoxy resin curing agent recited in claim 1.

7. A cured product obtainable by curing the curable epoxy  
resin composition recited in claim 6.

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